



Lower Mainland Homelessness

A REGIONAL PERSPECTIVE

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An aerial photograph of Vancouver, British Columbia, showing the city skyline with numerous high-rise buildings, a marina with many sailboats, and a green park area in the foreground. The image is partially obscured by a dark blue overlay at the top and bottom.

METRO VANCOUVER AT A GLANCE

Liquid Waste Services

Parks, Planning and Environment

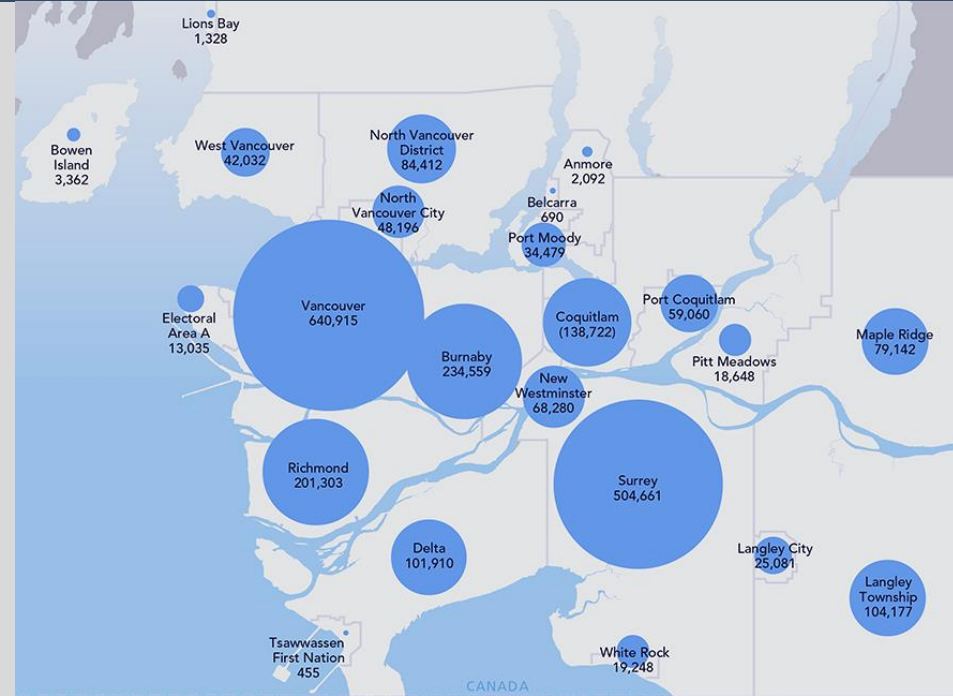
Solid Waste Services

Water Services

Housing

Regional Planning

- Contain and structure the growth coming to our region
- Protect important lands
- Ensure the efficient provision of infrastructure



Metro Vancouver Housing

Financial Services

Tenant Programs
and Services

Maintenance and
Safety

Homelessness
Partnering
Strategy
Community Entity

Addressing Homelessness in Metro Vancouver

Metro Vancouver proposes 12 critical actions based on three distinct goals:

- Preventing people from becoming homeless
- Serving those who are homeless
- Finding pathways out of homelessness







Homelessness Partnering Strategy: Community Entity

The Homelessness Partnering Strategy (HPS) aims to prevent and reduce homelessness.

HPS:

- provides direct support and funding to designated communities across Canada.
- is funded by the Government of Canada.
- is administered by approved Community Entities.

2017 Homeless Count

3605 people are currently homeless in Metro Vancouver.

2017 is the 16th consecutive year that homelessness has increased.

The Count

3,605
people were
found to be
experiencing
homelessness



Homelessness
increased
30%
since 2014

In comparison...
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the general
population
grew by
6.5%
between
2011 and
2016

"Where did you stay
last night?"

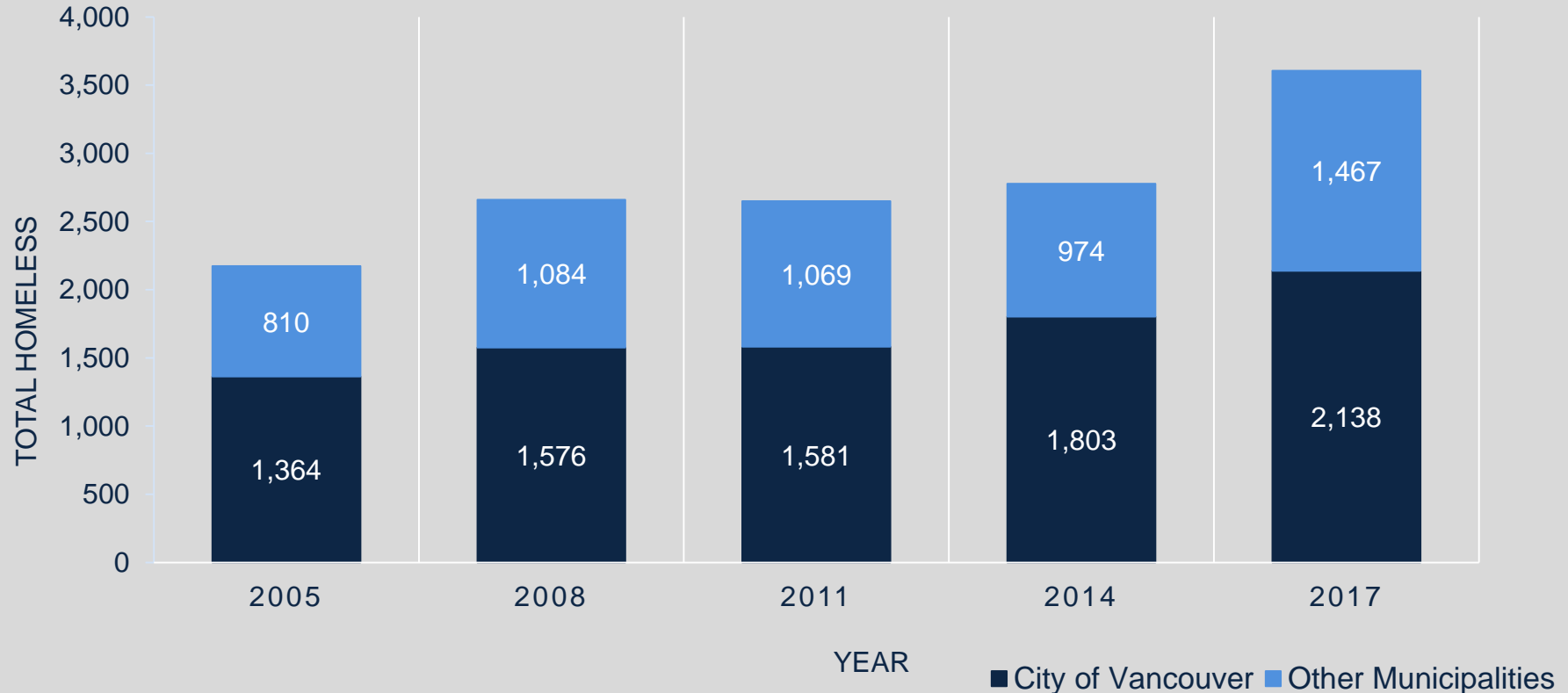
 **29% Unsheltered**

 **64% Shelter**

 **7% Extreme Weather
Response Shelter**



TOTAL HOMELESS POPULATION IN THE METRO VANCOUVER REGION (2005-2017)



Why Do People Become Homeless?

People become homeless for a variety of reasons, but the high cost and low availability of housing are major contributing factors.

The top factors in the 2017 Homeless Count, according to survey participants, included:

- Low income (49%)
- High rents (50%)
- No suitable housing (30%)





Thank you!



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